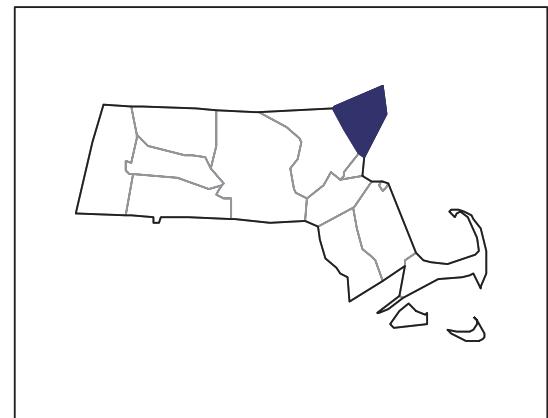


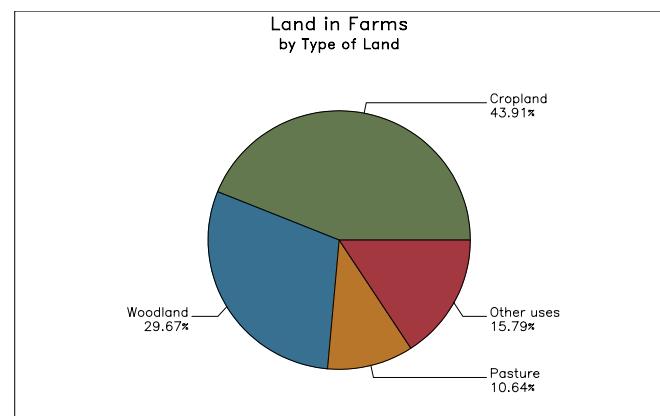
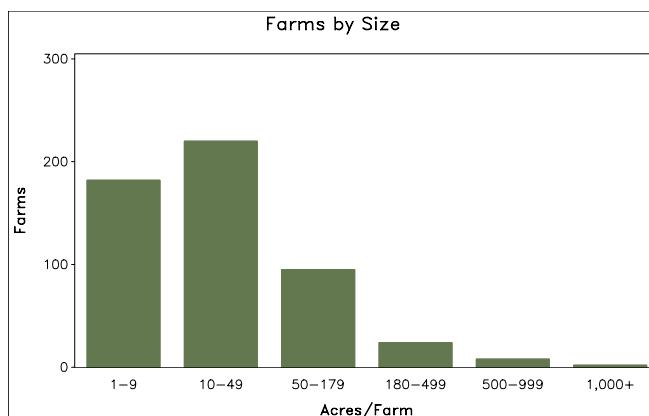
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Essex, Massachusetts



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	531	400	+ 33
Land in Farms	27,834 acres	27,856 acres	- 0
Average Size of Farm	52 acres	70 acres	- 25
 Market Value of Production	 \$25,022,000	 \$24,469,000	 + 2
Crop Sales \$18,990,000 (76 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,032,000 (24 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$47,122	\$61,173	- 23
 Government Payments	 \$276,000	 \$166,000	 + 66
Average Per Farm	\$13,155	\$9,788	+ 34



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Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	25,022	8	14	2,116	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,990	8	14	1,485	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,032	8	14	2,345	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	3	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,986	6	14	383	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,052	7	13	292	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,518	5	14	259	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,160	5	12	2,562	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,899	8	12	1,105	2,493
Hogs and pigs	42	8	12	1,660	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	131	7	12	893	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	787	2	13	282	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	104	8	12	981	2,875
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	7,573	1	12	303	2,371
Layers	4,305	5	13	823	3,024
Horses and ponies	2,284	4	14	437	3,066
Cattle and calves	2,238	8	13	2,758	3,060
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	1	11	(D)	2,627
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,866	7	13	2,049	3,060
Vegetables harvested, all	1,069	6	14	505	2,794
Corn for silage	897	7	11	1,061	2,263
Sweet corn	521	6	13	180	2,384
Apples	379	4	12	111	2,144

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	199
\$1,000 to \$2,499	69
\$2,500 to \$4,999	38
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18
\$500,000 or more	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,397
Average per farm (\$)	62,895
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	990
Average per farm (\$)	1,864

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	240
Other	291
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	336
Female	195
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.9
All operators ² by race:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	(-)
Asian	1
Black or African American	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	(-)
White	836
More than one race	8
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.